First, read this article.

tl;dr Joe Lonsdale is "co-founding a new university dedicated to freedom of thought and study"

At first, you hear this and you think, this is great! The mainstream universities are falling apart, being consumed by ideologues, raise the tuition scammers, and huge bloated administrations. I'm so glad someone powerful is finally taking a stand against this!

But when you think about it a bit more, it doesn't hold up. These people are either straight up supporters of Power or naive political children. I have many reasons to suspect the former, such as the fact that people like Joe Lonsdale, Sam Altman, and Marc Andreessen are very successful in the current system, but "never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity"

First, to speak to the right. They gathered together all the "lightly cancelled" people who believe in "free thought", aka the status quo of the 90s. People like "Bari Weiss", who took a job at the New York Times as recently as 2017.

This article has lines like "Lantos Prize Recipient Ayaan Hirsi Ali will be part of the University of Austin's faculty" and "Glenn C. Loury was a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and the Merton P. Stoltz Professor of Economics at Brown University." *This is not a counter elite!* This is a spin off of the exact same bs that's everywhere. NGO awards and fake status signaling markers.

A testable prediction. If they don't already have one at launch, the University of Austin will have a Diversity and Inclusion department in 10 years. But don't worry, they stand against whatever new wacko left thing there is in 2030. Please don't fall for it.

Second, to speak to the left, if you need more than that this was published in the New York Post.

"It's up to us — especially those of us with the resources to do so — to build new institutions that reflect the principles that we want to define the future."